

FURTHER SCOTTISH RECORDS FOR *CIS DENTATUS MELLIE* (COL.: CISIDAE). — *Cis dentatus* was added to the British list by the late E.W. Aubrook (1970 *Entomologist* **103**: 250) on the basis of a dozen specimens taken by him in Rothiemurchus Forest on 22.ix.66. We know of no other published British record. We took a few examples elsewhere on Speyside some years ago and, finding none since, felt that we should record our captures. Our dates are:—

Loch Garten, v.c. Easternness vi.80 — two examples (1M 1F), caught in plastic funnels set out on the ground in a pine wood to monitor the fall of pine seed.

Loch Vaa, v.c. Nairn 20.viii.80 — two examples (1M 1F), on dead birch with fruiting bodies of *Piptoporus (Polyporus) betulinus*. On breaking off two fruiting bodies, the beetles were seen on the wood where the fruiting body had been attached. The site was essentially a pine wood with a few birch trees.

Loch an Eilein, v.c. Easternness 21.viii.80 — (1M), found in a slightly rotten *P. betulinus* on peeling off the pore layer. This too, was in a pine wood with a few birch trees.

Aubrook did not mention the precise habitat in which his specimens occurred, probably because they were not recognised at the time of collection. Lohse (in *Die Kafer Mitteleuropas* vol. 7 ed. Freude, H., Harde, K.W. and Lohse, G.A., Goecke & Evers, Krefeld 1967) states that the species occurs in fungi on conifers but our findings indicate that the beetle also occurs on fungi on other trees.

We thank Mr Stewart Taylor, Warden, R.S.P.B. Loch Garten Reserve, for detecting and passing on to us the examples caught in pine seed traps. I.S. CARTER, 165 Leckhampton Road, Cheltenham, Glos. GL53 0AD and J.A. OWEN, 8 Kingsdown Road, Epsom, Surrey KT17 3PU.

CHOLEVA CISTELOIDES FRÖL. (COL.: CATOPIDAE) IN KENT, SUSSEX AND DEVON — This seems to be our rarest (or at all events our least known) species of the above elegant genus after the recently discovered *C. elongata* Payk., despite its being, apparently, the commonest *Choleva* on the Continent — as pointed out by Kevan, 1946, *Ent. mon. Mag.* **82**: 128, citing Jeannel; the *cisteloides* of older British works being, according to him, *angustata* F. Of Frölich's species there appear to be very few records so far. Kevan (*ibid.*: 122) gave one for Scotland (Berwickshire) and on p.28 two for England based on specimens taken by the late Philip Harwood and determined by Jeannel: Sharpenhoe (Beds.) and Woodhay (N. Hants). I am aware of only one more recent record, by G.E. Woodroffe who took a male at Aston Rowant (Oxon), in 1965 (1966, *ibid.* **102**: 118).

I can now report *C. cisteloides* from three further counties. The Harwood collection included also specimens from Brasted, W. Kent, and an overhaul of material in my own has brought to light a male from Ditchling, E. Sussex, vi.1903 (H. Dinnage) and a female from a mole's

nest at Colyton, S. Devon, 4.ii.40 (G.H. Ashe). The species must certainly occur in many more localities, and may well be found in collections mixed with others of the genus. The sexual and other characters given by Kevan (*loc. cit. supra*) are fully adequate for diagnosis. A.A. ALLEN, 49 Montcalm Road, Charlton, London SE7 8QG.

NEW RECORDS OF LEPIDOPTERA FROM SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE — I would like belatedly to record the capture of a single rosy marbled moth (*Elaphria venustula* Hb.) at m.v. on 26.vi.1986 in South Worcestershire. This was followed on 3.vii.1986 by a single example of the pyralid *Pempelia formosa* Haw. Both appear to be new County records, well outside their normal range in the U.K. Their capture coincided with the only, and brief, spell of warm weather here in 1986, and I suspect that the former, at least, may be a short distance migrant.

I would also like to record the arrival in the County of *Hadena compta* D. & S. — taken at m.v. on 13.vii.1987. *Lithophane leautieri* Boisd. was first recorded by me in the Worcester area in 1985, and subsequent records show that it has been resident in the Evesham area for some years. Where I now live, some four miles west of Worcester City, *leautieri* is now quite common in the autumn. A.N.B. SIMPSON, The Sycamores, Old Rectory Gardens, Leigh, Worcs.

A PROPOSED NEW R.E.S. HANDBOOK FOR THE TACHNIDAE (DIPTERA) — Work has just started on this new handbook. The collections in the British Museum (Natural History), upon which the work will primarily be based, has an inadequate series of the species given below, and I am seeking the loan of specimens:

Actia exoleta Meig.; *Gymnosoma nitens* Meig.; *Belida angelicae* Meig.; *Carcelia intermedia* Hert.; *Ceranthia lichtwardtiana* Villn.; *Eurythaea scutellaris* R.-D.; *Germaria ruficeps* Fall.; *Gonia foersteri* Meig.; *Hemimacquartia paradoxa* Brauer and Berg.; *Litophasia hyalipennis* Fall.; *Phebellia nigripalpis* R.-D.; *P. stulta* Zett. and *Siphona mesnili* Ander.

Any catalogue of tachinid collections held by individuals or institutions would be useful. The assistance of collectors is also requested to help expand the host records of this group. Specimens reared from known hosts would be greatly appreciated. All parts of the puparium and remains of the host should be included along with the locality, date, host plant/habitat and authority for host identification. The adult fly should be kept alive for a day or two to allow its cuticle to harden. Specimens reared from hosts whose identity is uncertain would also be of value, especially if accompanied by the puparium. Identifications will be provided if requested and the specimens returned by any date required. Any fly which has developed as an internal parasite of